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I understand from Dr. Langer that during your recent visit to Washington Mr. Sherman Kent had an opportunity to discuss with you the possibility of your joining the Board of National Estimates as a regular full-time member. Since Mr. Kent has already outlined to you the nature of the work connected with our National Intelligence Estimates and has given you some idea of the function and composition of the Board, it is unnecessary for me to cover the ground again. I would like to say, however, that I believe the work on National Estimates is extremely important for the formulation of policy and that the Board of National Estimates is a key factor in coordinating the intelligence of the various agencies of the government. I feel sure that you would find your work on the Board interesting and profitable, and I would be very happy if you would accept a position as a member of the Board as soon as possible. These positions, as I think you may know, are classified at GS-18.

Since I understand that you are contemplating a change of position in the relatively near future, I am hoping that you will not only feel disposed to accept this offer but that you will make your services available in the not too distant future. We have recently lost a couple of members of the Board and I am rather anxious to bring it up to strength.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

VIA AIR MAIL

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Long-hand postscript: I do not believe that you could find anything in government that would be more to your liking, more interesting, or that would be a greater contribution. W.B.S.